(b) the time by which India is likely to attain self-sufficiency in the production of petroleum products ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The total quantum of petroleum products likely to be produced in the country is 50.8 MMT against the estimated requirement of 61.5 MMT during the current financial year.

(b) There are plans to augment the refining capacity in public as well as in private sector.

Loss of Property due to fire accident in ONGC (Makarpura)

2485. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the loss of property suffered by Government due to the fire accident in the Department of Construction and Maintenance of Oil and Natural Gas Commission (O.N.G.C.) during May, 1992 in Makarpura, near Vadodra;

(b) whether investigation report in connection with this accident has been received; and

(c) if so, the drawbacks found in it and the action being taken by Government in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Preliminary enquiry estimated a loss of about Rs. 5 to 7 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Transfer of various Profit Earning Organisations to GAIL

2486. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has taken any action regarding transfer of various profit earning gas organisations to Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the justification thereof and the number of such gas organisations transferred so far to Gas Authority of India Limited alongwith their moveable and immovable properties;

(c) whether there is wide spread resentment among the employees of the Commission against this action; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) The gas marketing functions of ONGC, alongwith related assets, have been transferred to GAIL, which was set up in 1984 with the mandate of transporting, processing and marketing of natural gas, after taking into account all relevant considerations including the various representations received from employees.

Setting up of Refinery in Maharashtra

2487. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Rs. 3,000 crore refinery in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what will be the exact location thereof and by when the same is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Government of India has approved, in principle, the setting up a 6 MMTPA oil refinery in the joint sector in Western India.

Oil Spills in Bombay Offshore

2488. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that huge oil spills were detected recently in Bombay offshore;

(b) what were the reasons for such oil spills; and